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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

REF: A. STATE 223015

B. SAN JOSE 3928

1. EMBOFF MET WITH EDUARDO ORTIZ MID-DAY SEPTEMBER 22
TO CONVEY CONTENTS REFTEL. ORTIZ WAS NOT AVAILABLE
EITHER FRIDAY OR OVER WEEKEND.

2. ORTIZ IS OBVIOUSLY MOST INTERESTED IN
AND INTRIGUED BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON MATTERS
CONNECTED TO VESCO CASE. HE ONCE AGAIN
EXPRESSED STRONG FEELINGS AGAINST THE CORRUPTIVE
INFLUENCE VESCO'S ACTIVITIES HAVE IN COSTA RICA.
AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, ORTIZ ONCE AGAIN QUESTIONED
EMBOFF CLOSELY ON PERSONAL SECURITY ASPECTS OF BEING
ASSOCIATED WITH VESCO CASE. AS IN TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS, ORTIZ
ASKED IF WE HAD ANY EVIDENCE THAT ANY THREATS HAD BEEN MADE IN US OR
ABROAD AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO
BRING VESCO TO JUSTICE, OR THEIR FAMILIES. HE SAID HE MUST
CONSIDER HIS FAMILY IN THIS DECISION. EMBOFF
RESPONDED AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS (REFTEL B., PARA 5),
AND SAID WE WOULD AGAIN QUERY WASHINGTON.

3. ORTIZ PROMISED TO GET BACK TO EMBOFF ASAP WITH
HIS DECISION AND, IF HE DECIDES TO TAKE CASE, HIS
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HOURLY FEE RATE.

4. ORTIZ STATED PREFERENCE FOR ANSWERING US ATTORNEY OFFICE'S QUESTIONS THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE AS OPPOSED TO QUICK TRIP TO NEW YORK. HE NOTED THAT HE HAS ADVISED OTHER US CLIENTS IN SIMILAR FASHION, AND IT HAS WORKED OUT WELL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ASSURE ORTIZ THAT INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN ANY WAY ON CASE AGAINST VESCO HAVE NOT BEEN HARRASSED, THREATENED, OR OTHERWISE HARMED. EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH ACTIONS AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES.

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